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SUBJ: IMCO MARINE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

REF: A. STATE 132371; B. STATE 132372; C. STATE 132373

1. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE MADE IN LIGHT CONTINUING DISCUSSION IN SEABEDS COMMITTEE AND CORRIDORS RE US MEPC PROPOSAL. RECOMMEND ANY FORMAL SUBMISSIONS TO IMCO BE ALTERED ACCORDINGLY. COOK AND OXMAN WILL OF COURSE BE AVAILABLE AT DEL MEETING SUNDAY TO ELABORATE.

2. RE COMPOSITION, WHILE HAVING NO DISAGREEMENTS WITH SUBSTANCE PARA 3, REF A, WE SUGGEST COSMETIC CHANGE TO MAKE IT MORE APPEALING TO LDC'S THAT ARE NOT MEMBERS IMCO. IT SEEMS INEVITABLE UNDER DEPARTMENT'S WORKING, THAT IN ANY EVENT NON-IMCO MEMBERS THAT ARE CONVENTION PARTIES WOULD, IF THEY SO DESIRED, BE PERMITTED REMAIN THROUGH MEETING AND INTERVENE IN DEBATE IF THEY WISHED. ACCORDINGLY, WE SUGGEST WE PROPOSE ALL IMCO MEMBERS AND NON-IMCO MEMBERS WHO ARE PARTIES TO CONVENTIONS

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DEPOSITED WITH OR ADMINISTERED BY IMCO WOULD PARTICI-

PATE, WITH PROVISIO THAT NON-IMCO
MEMBERS MAY ONLY VOTE ON QUESTIONS ARISING UNDER
CONVENTIONS TO WHICH THEY ARE PARTIES.

3. WITH RESPECT PARA 2, REF B, WE SEE COSMETIC
DIFFICULTIES WITH MAKING MSC SECRETARY IN EFFECT IMMEDIATE
SUPERIOR OF NEW MEPC SECRETARY. WE APPRECIATE BUDGE-
TARY AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS THAT MAY HAVE LEAD TO
THIS DECISION. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONSIDER
OPTION OF A TECHNICAL DIRECTOR WHO IS SECRETARY OF
MEPC OR SECRETARY OF NEITHER COMMITTEE, OR OF LEAVING
PRESENT PROPOSAL IN TACT BUT SPECIFYING THIS COULD BE
INTERIM WORKING ARRANGEMENT WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY REVIEWED.

4. WITH RESPECT PARA 2(B), REF C, WE WOULD PREFER
LANGUAGE READ "PROVISIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL CONVEN-
TIONS" RATHER THAN "PROVISIONS OF INTERNATIONAL CONVEN-
TIONS." OUR REASONS ARE PARTIALLY COSMETIC (STRONGER
IMPLICATION OF REGULATORY ROLE) AND PARTIALLY DESIGNED
TO EMPHASIZE THAT MEPC ACTIONS MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH
TERMS OF BASIC TREATY.

5. WITH RESPECT PARA 2(G), REF C, CONVERSATIONS
HERE INDICATE THA COMBINATION OF TRAIN PROPOSAL
ON REGIONAL COMMITTEES AND US LOS POSITION THAT THERE
MAY BE SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL
AREAS MAY PROVE VERY HELPFUL. IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE
NEGOTIATING FLEXIBILITY, SUGGEST THAT LARGELY COSMETIC NEW
SUBITEM
(D) BE ADDED TO PARA 2(G) ALONG LINES "(D) TAKE ANY
OTHER ACTION REQUESTED BY FULL COMMITTEE."BASSIN

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